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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SENATOR CARLO PASTORINO

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1. WE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL THIS MORNING FROM COL. STROZZA, MILITARY ASSISTANT TO DEFENSE UNDER SECRETARY PASTORINO, TO KEEP US INFORMED ON PASTORINO'S ASPIRATIONS FOR HIS UPCOMING U.S. TRIP.

2. COL STROZZA WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH ITALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TODAY OR TOMORROW TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF ITALIAN MILITARY ATTACHE IN ARRANGING PASTORINO VISITS TO U.S. MILITARY SITES OR ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILARIZATION WITH SOME OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

-- MODERN U.S. CONVENTIONAL ARMS (FORT BRAGG SUGGESTED BY PASTORINO);

INTERCEPT OPERATIONS AGAINST LOW-LEVEL AIR ATTACK;

--AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES;

--EARLY WARNING RADAR;

--AIRPORT PROTECTION, CIVILIAN AND MILITARY;

--CIVAL DEFENSE AGAINST ATOMIC ATTACK, AND

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--WHATEVER CAN BE WORKED OUT CONCERNING NAVY OPEATIONS.

3. PASTORINO (AND SON) PLAN ARRIVE WASHINTON VIA NEW YORK (EXACT FLIGHT PLANS NOT YET SET) ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, LEAVING SUNDAY FREE. WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY PORTION OF FOREGOING PROGRAM AS OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28 THROUGH

FRIDAY, MARCH 4.

4. WE INFORMED STROZZA THAT WE HAD EARLIER CABLED WASHINGTON IN GENERAL TERMS CONCERNING THE UNDER SECRETARY'S PLANNED TRIP, AND THAT WE WOULD NOW COMMUNICATE PASTORINO'S MORE SPECIFIC DESIRES TO STATE AND DEFENSE. WE CAUTIONED THAT, WHILE WE ARE TRYING TO FACILITATE A VISIT WHICH WOULD SUIT PASTORINO'S DESIRE TO KNOW MORE OF U.S. MILITARY, WE HAD NO REPLY AS YET TO OUR EARLIER CABLES AND WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE ANY COMMITMENT.

5. COMMENT: WE CONTINUE TO THINK IT WOULD BE POTENTIALLY USEFUL TO MEET SOME OF PASTORINO'S WISHES UNDER USG OFFICIAL OR QUASI-OFFICIAL SPONSORSHIP. IN PARTICULAR, A GOOD THREAT BRIEFING IN THE PENTAGON WOULD HAVE A HELATHY EFFECT, PREFERABLY EARLY IN THE VISIT, TO PROVIDE CONTEXT FOR SUCH SITE VISITS AS MIGHT BE WORKED OUT. CLEARLY PASTORINO'S INTEREST IN THE LOW-LEVEL AIR THREAT PROVIDES A TAILOR-MADE OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR AWACS.BEAUDRY

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